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Applicant: Fitzpatrick *et al.*

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Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed July 28, 2003, concerning the captioned patent application. By the attached petition for an extension of time and check for the requisite fee, applicants have extended the time for responding until November 28, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 21 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.